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Finance Committee Minutes 05-19-04

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETINGS
 7:30 PM Town Hall Hearing Room
 5/19/04

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Feinleib	O'Riordan*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITOR: Paul Bayer

FIELD USER FEES: The draft report of the Field User Fee SubCom was discussed after Olsen reviewed the meetings the subcom had held. There is no consensus between the interested parties. Not all have been included. The subcom did not recommend levying fees on youth groups because of the uncertainty concerning key issues affecting field maintenance costs such as the effect of Peirce Field renovation and watering. Members expressed concern that assessing a fee to ACHS at this point would undercut support for the objectives of the proposal.

VOTED that the fee page be part of the final report w/o the ACHS fee. 8-5

VOTED that a Town Meeting committee with broad representation of groups interested in the playing fields be formed to report to next year's Town Meeting, and that the agenda of the committee be similar to the subcom's draft. 13-0

VOTED that a bylaw be established to charge adult user groups according to the subcom option 2. 9-4.

Peter B Howard, Secretary, 5/24/04

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